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In re Patent Application of:
Mitchell Kriegman

Application No.: 09/782,329

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For: IMPROVED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
COMPOSITING OF TWO OR MORE
REAL IMAGES IN A
CINEMATOGRAPHIC PUPPETRY
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is an RCE submission and is in response to the Notice of Appeal filed November 6, 2003, and the final Office Action dated September 10, 2003. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After	Highest Number Previously	Number Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	11	- 11* =	0	X 18.00	0
Independent	2	- 2** =	0	X 86.00	0
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
TOTAL					0

*not less than 20

** not less than 3

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